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The Honorable William Casey
 Director
 Central Intelligence Agency
 Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

At the request of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the Office of Technology Assessment is undertaking a review of the technologies for narcotics interdiction. This study will encompass the technologies for the surveillance and interception of drug shipments at land, sea, and air borders, and ports of entry. It will evaluate both current and proposed technical systems for narcotics interdiction and their cost-effectiveness.

A portion of this study will include the analytical contributions of the intelligence community to the anti-narcotics effort. Based upon trend analyses and threat assessments by both intelligence and law enforcement, OTA will examine the budgetary, technical and manpower dedication to narcotics interdiction.

I would appreciate your designating a representative of the Central Intelligence Agency as liaison with the OTA staff conducting this study.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. We look forward to working with your staff on this important Congressional request. Please refer your response and any questions you may have to Peter Johnson, Project Director for this assessment, on 226-2066, or Elizabeth Keyes, Senior Analyst, at 226-2130.

Sincerely,

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